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MEETING OF THE

PLANS & PROGRAMS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Thursday, February 16, 2006
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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1.0 <u>Call to Order and Introductions</u>	Chair Doug Kim, LACMTA
2.0 <u>Public Comment Period</u> Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of this committee, must fill out a speaker's card prior to speaking and submit it to staff before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The Chair may limit the total time for comments to twenty (20) minutes.	
3.0 <u>Consent Calendar</u>	
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4.1 <u>RTP 4-Year Cycle and 2035 Horizon</u>	Naresh Amatya, SCAG
4.2 <u>RTP Schedule of Work</u> <i>Near-term topics for upcoming TAC meetings</i>	Tarek Hatata, System Metrics
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4.3.1 <u>Growth Forecast</u> <i>Report on Feb. 15th meeting on subregional input</i>	Frank Wen, SCAG
4.3.2 <u>Highways and Arterials</u> <i>No report</i>	
4.3.3 <u>TDM / Non-Motorized</u> <i>RTP Non-Motorized Component – Draft Scope of Work</i> Attachment	Alan Thompson, SCAG
4.4 <u>OCTA Draft Long Range Transportation Plan</u>	Richard Marcus, OCTA
4.5 <u>Governor's Infrastructure Bond Proposal</u>	Don Rhodes, SCAG



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4.6 <u>Goals and Policies Update</u> <i>Review of the goals and policies and identify</i> <i>areas for possible changes based on the new</i> <i>SAFETEA-LU requirements</i>	Tarek Hatata, System Metrics
5.0 <u>Staff Report</u>	
6.0 <u>Comment Period</u> Any Committee member, member of the public, or staff desiring to comment on items not covered on the agenda may do so at this time. Comments should be limited to three minutes.	
7.0 <u>Next Meeting Date & Adjournment</u> The next meeting date is Thursday, March 16, 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	



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MINUTES for January 19, 2005

The following minutes are a summary of the Plans & Programs Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. Audio cassette tapes of the actual meeting are available for listening at SCAG's office.

1.0 **Call to Order and Introductions**

Mr. Eric Carlson, LACMTA, called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.

2.0 **Public Comment Period**

There were no comments.

3.0 **Consent Calendar**

3.1 **Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 28, 2005**

The meeting minutes were approved.

4.0 **Discussion Items**

4.1 **RTP 4-Year Cycle**

Mr. Hasan Ikhata, SCAG, stated that the Regional Council has approved extending the RTP schedule to 2008. There is a risk involved regarding the 12-month conformity grace period. While SCAG believes that RTP and RTIP amendments should be allowed to continue during the grace period, the federal agencies may not agree. SCAG is pursuing two strategies to address this. First, we are seeking a legislative approach to clarify the grace period. Second, we will meet with senior staff at US DOT headquarters to get clarification.

Mr. Naresh Amatya, SCAG, stated that, upon the suggestion of Mr. Ty Schuling and review of federal guidance, staff will extend the RTP horizon year from 2030 to 2035 to ensure a minimum 20-year horizon for the life of the 2008 RTP (2008 through 2012). Mr. Ikhata noted that the county transportation commissions should be prepared to submit projects that would cover the period through 2035.

Mr. Schuling, SANBAG, stated that the farther out we look, the more interesting the scenario becomes relative to energy availability and price, and he asked where in the RTP process we would account for these issues. Mr. Ikhata encouraged the TAC members to attend SCAG's Economic Forecast Conference on January 26th. He also announced SCAG's Energy Summit, which will take place on March 10th at the MWD headquarters and focus on energy and "peak oil." One of the speakers will be Matthew Simmons, who wrote *Twilight in the Desert: The Coming Saudi Oil Shock and the World Economy*. Mr. Schuling stated that, in the effort to maintain very high levels of oil production by injecting water, the Saudis will likely experience a precipitous decline in production rather than a gradual drop in output.

4.2 **Standing Items**



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4.2.1 Growth Forecast *Growth Forecast Process Update*

Mr. Hasan Ikhata, SCAG, discussed the forecast process. First, SCAG will receive input from the subregions regarding growth in their areas. SCAG will assemble a technical group that represents the subregions and interested parties to review the subregional numbers. Next, SCAG will assemble a panel of experts to review the subregional numbers and examine the regional total. It is a bottom-up approach based upon technical merits and not upon negotiations.

Ms. Gail Shiimoto-Lohr, OCCOG, stated that subregions have expressed concern about having enough time to review and discuss the growth numbers. She asked if the two groups Hasan mentioned would be doing the work that had previously been done by the Forecasting Technical Task Force, and be able to look at the numbers with the discussion and degree of time needed to feed back into the TAC. Mr. Ikhata stated that SCAG had asked for subregional input last September and not all of the subregions had responded. SCAG would like the process to be flexible so that everyone can have enough time to review, but the subregions must respect the schedule that we are operating under.

Mr. Frank Wen, SCAG, stated that we have a growth forecast consultant on board, Dr. Mark Schniepp, president of the California Economic Forecast project. Dr. Schniepp is convening the panel of experts that Mr. Ikhata discussed. SCAG will shortly send an invitation to the subregional coordinators to extend their opportunity to provide input by February 15, and to come work with the panel of experts. During March, the panel of experts will review SCAG's No Project growth forecast along with the subregions' input. With the panel's consensus on the No Project technical projection at the county, subregional, and regional levels, SCAG will develop the small area disaggregation by June 2006.

Mr. Ikhata stated that the technical No Project forecast is not the final step, as it does not include growth vision policies adopted by the Regional Council. The No Project numbers will not be released. The final forecast will be the policy forecast that the board will adopt and release.

RHNA Update – Funding and Schedule

Mr. Hasan Ikhata, SCAG, stated there are several issues. First, RHNA is an unfunded mandate. The only option the state has given SCAG is to charge its members to fund the RHNA, which is unacceptable. Second, the RHNA and RTP schedules are now inconsistent (2007 versus 2008) and could result in having two different forecasts, which is also unacceptable. Staff is recommending its committees this month to ask for an extension of RHNA from June 2007 to June 2008. Mr. Ikhata has spoken to HCD of SCAG's intention,



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and HCD has indicated it is likely to refuse the request. Mr. Ikhata stated that the choice would be to extend RHNA or to not do it, and not doing it would result in some difficulties to local jurisdictions. SCAG will coordinate its efforts to extend RHNA with its counterpart in the Bay Area, ABAG.

4.2.2 Highways and Arterials There was no report.

4.2.3 TDM / Non-Motorized There was no report.

4.3 SAFETEA-LU Requirements

Mr. Naresh Amatya, SCAG, stated that the RTP consultant team is now on board. He introduced Mr. Tarek Hatata of System Metrics Group, the lead consultant. Mr. Hatata stated that one of the team's first tasks is to provide the TAC an outline of what to expect over the next year and the critical points at which input is needed.

Mr. Hatata introduced Ms. Cheryl Stecher of Franklin Hill Group, a subconsultant to System Metrics. Ms. Stecher presented an overview of the new planning requirements in SAFETEA-LU that must be addressed in the next RTP. A handout was provided that identified the specific issues addressed in SAFETEA-LU, the previous requirements that were in TEA-21, and the impact on the 2008 RTP. The issues were:

1. Update cycles for MPO Plans changed from three to four years
Expanded Scope
2. Security as a stand-alone planning factor
3. Environmental planning factor now includes consistency of plan with planned growth and development plans
4. Intermodal Connectors Added as Transportation Facility
5. Plan to Include Accessible Pedestrian Walkways and Bicycle Facilities
6. Separate Operational and Management Strategies
Expanded Mitigation Requirements
7. Discussion of Environmental Mitigation Activities
8. Expanded Environmental Mitigation Consultation
Expanded Consultations
9. Encourages consultation with other local agencies affected by transportation
10. Expanded Required List of Consultations
11. Consideration of Resource Maps and Inventories
12. Expanded List of Parties involved in Planning
Expanded Participation Requirements
13. Participation Plan
14. Visualization Techniques
15. Electronic Access to Plans
16. Electronic Publication of Plan
Other Changes that Affect the RTP
17. Two Additional Project Types in Annual Listing of Obligated Projects
18. Addition of Transit Operator in Development of Funding Estimates



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19. Consideration of DOT Highway Safety Plan

Mr. Ty Schuiling, SANBAG, asked if it was true that the costs for environmental mitigation had to be funded within the fiscal constraint envelope of the RTP. Mr. Rich Macias, SCAG, stated that staff has not found any basis for that in the legislation.

It was noted that there are other changes in SAFETEA-LU to the conformity requirements, including the process for TCM substitution, which also may affect the RTP development work.

Mr. Tony Van Haagen, Caltrans, stated that there were differences in VMT results between how SCAG modeled the 2004 RTP and Caltrans' own attempt to model the 2004 RTP. Mr. Keith Killough, SCAG, stated that SCAG is aware of the analysis that Caltrans completed, and it involves the manner in which we equilibrate the model. Caltrans and others are in the Modeling Task Force and SCAG will be taking suggestions from them for improving the methodology.

4.4 2005 State of the Region Report

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

5.0 **Staff Report**

Mr. Keith Killough, SCAG, stated that on January 9th and 10th, we had a peer review on the new SCAG model that will be used for the 2008 RTP. The panel included academics, consultants, and representatives from other MPOs, FHWA, and FTA. The conclusions were as expected, as the model is still under development and is still being validated. They gave the model kudos for its goods movement and freight analysis capabilities, and the way data is used. They want SCAG to take a year to validate the model, but the RTP schedule does not permit this. The model will should ready by May for the first RTP runs.

6.0 **Comment Period**

There were no comments.

7.0 **Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

The next meeting date was announced as February 16, 2006, and the meeting was adjourned.



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Attendance

Name	Agency
Gerald Bare	Caltrans-District 7
Shefa Bhuiyan	Caltrans-District 8
Eric Carlson	LACMTA
Deborah Diep	CDR, CSU Fullerton
Kim Fuentes	South Bay Cities COG
Dana Gabbard	So. Calif. Transit Advocates
Bill Gayk	Riv. Co. Transp. & Land Mgmt. Agency
Tarek Hatata	System Metrics Group
Jack Humphrey	Gateway Cities COG
Deadra Knox	SCRRA
Charles Lau	Caltrans-District 8
Kai Luoma	City of Santa Clarita
Richard Marcus	OCTA
Paula McHargue	LAWA
Ian Pari	City of Santa Clarita
Tracy Sato	City of Anaheim
Ty Schuiling	SANBAG
Arnold Sherwood	UC ITS
Gail Shiimoto-Lohr	Orange County COG
Jim Stewart	SCCED
Tony Van Haagen	Caltrans-District 7
Carla Walecka	TCA

Via audio/video conference

Paul Fagan	Caltrans-District 8
Brian Kuhn	City of Palmdale
Jeff Weir	ARB

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MEMO

DATE: February 16, 2006
TO: PLANS & PROGRAMS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: Alan Thompson, Senior Regional Planner
213-236-1940, thompson@scag.ca.gov
RE: RTP Non-Motorized Component – Draft Scope of Work

The following is a draft scope of work for developing the 2008 RTP non-motorized component.

RTP Non-Motorized Component – Draft Scope of Work

1. Establish Goals and Objectives

- a. Review existing and new legislation
- b. Existing Roles and Responsibilities
 - i. Review existing policies and procedures

2. Examine Existing Conditions

- a. Review NMT plans and projects in RTP/RTIP
- b. Review Existing Subregional Plans
 - i. Collect Bike/Ped plans from subregions and local jurisdictions
- c. Review past expenditures
- d. Collect and develop a regional visual representation of existing:
 - i. Bike Path (class 1)
 - ii. Bike Lanes (class 2)
 - iii. Bike Routes (class 3)
 - iv. Major existing bike facilities/activity centers
 - 1. Schools
 - 2. Parks
 - 3. Transit Centers/Stops
 - 4. Other major activity centers
 - v. Transit linkages between bicycle gaps

NOTE: Smaller cities with significant bicycle infrastructure could only require highlighting, versus detailed visual representation.

3. Public Participation Plan

- a. Work through the Planning and Policy Technical Advisory Committee
- b. Develop mailing list of advocacy groups and concerned citizens.
- c. Coordinate Several Workshops
 - i. County Transportation Commission Representatives
 - ii. Bicycle advocacy group(s)
 - iii. City transportation departments (if decline to participate, provide mailings to keep them informed)
 - iv. Cities volunteering to be in "Two Percent Strategy"

4. Hold first Workshop to review Steps 1 and 2

5. Needs Analysis

- a. Gaps in existing infrastructure
- b. New Infrastructure requirements
 - i. "Two Percent Strategy" areas



- ii. Other areas noted in public outreach
 - iii. Other areas noted in policy development
 - iv. Safety and Security
- c. Bicyclist needs and concerns
- 6. Hold second workshop to review Step 5**
- 7. Recommendations**
 - a. Revise and develop new policies and procedures as appropriate
 - b. Sample recommendations may include:
 - i. Recommended bike network
 - ii. Recommended parking facility areas
 - iii. "Safe Routes to School"
 - iv. Intersection signalization
 - v. Bicycle considerations in new road development/improvements
- 8. Present to P&P TAC**
- 9. Implementation Plan**
 - a. *Process*
 - b. *High priority projects from RTIP*
 - c. *Funding*
- 10. NMT Draft Plan**
- 11. Present to P&P TAC**
- 12. Draft RTP Chapter**
- 13. Present to TCC**

